Population Spotlight
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Change: -367

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2030 Proposed Person County Attainment Goal: 5,871 (56%)

2030 NC Degree Attainment Goal: 2 million (67%)

Education Continuum.
Transition points along the Covid-19 has affected critical attainment outcomes.

Top Opportunities for Growth
These three areas represent the biggest opportunities for Person County to improve future attainment outcomes.

- 48% of Person County high school graduates who enroll in postsecondary earn a degree or credential within 6 years, below the rural metro county average of 57%.
- 42% of Person County seniors enroll in postsecondary within 12 months of graduation, below the rural metro county average of 49%.
- 22% of Person County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural metro county average of 17%.

Impact of Covid-19 on Education Pipeline
Covid-19 has affected critical transition points along the education continuum.

How students in Person County traditional schools are currently doing:
To meet state goals, each year Person County needs:

- 58% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program; 39 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. 2022
- 24% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in reading; 980 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. 2022
- 28% of 3-8 graders are earning college-and-career-ready scores (level 4 or 5) in math; 1,161 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. 2022
- 84% of 9th graders graduate within four years; 43 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. 2021
- 27% of students are chronically absent from school; 694 less needed to meet state goal of 11%. 2021

Person County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 351:1 versus 362:1 in peer counties. 2021

School Choice
6,021 total students were enrolled in K-12 in Person County in the 2021-22 school year.

Note: This profile focuses on outcomes of students enrolled in district schools.

Career and College Preparation
67 high school students took at least one AP course (5%) versus 9% in peer counties (2021).

Students in Person County completed 241 Career & Technical Education concentrations in 2021. The top three CTE concentrations completed include Architecture and Construction; Human Services; and Health Science.

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Person County, 2021
Note: Outcomes for demographic groups with fewer than 10 students are not displayed.
Person County 2022 Attainment Profile

Success of Person County High School Graduates

Top destinations of graduates, 2016-2020

- 40% of college-goers attended a public 4-year college
- 9% of college-goers attended a private 4-year college
- 50% of college-goers attended a public 2-year college
- 45% of college-goers attended a private 2-year college
- 95% of college-goers attended an in-state college

- 78% of students who enroll persist to their second year versus 73% in peer counties. 2021
- 48% of students who enroll earn a degree or credential within 6 years versus 57% in peer counties. 2021

Adult Learners

Person County resident enrollments in NC Community Colleges, 2021

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13% of Person County residents have student loan debt; 9% of debt holders had student loans in default. 2020

In your Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

78.8% of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top areas of misalignment:
- Health Science (below bachelor’s)
- Business Management & Administration (bachelor’s)
- Information Technology (bachelor’s)

Impact of Covid-19 on NC Community College Enrollment

- First-time Curriculum Enrollments
- Basic Skills
- Continuing Education

Number of Person County residents employed, January 2020 to March 2022

Promising Attainment Practices

The new Promising Attainment Practices Database is a curated, searchable, and filterable collection of about 250 county, region, and state-level initiatives and programs that directly address various components of the state’s attainment challenge. The Database allows local and regional initiative leaders and other stakeholders to identify groups across the state who are developing or operating initiatives designed to boost attainment.

Follow link to discover how Person County has been meeting local needs:
https://dashboard.myfuturenc.org/promising-attainment-practices/?wdt_search=Person

For more information about each indicator, including data sources and methodology, visit:
dashboard.myfuturenc.org/county-data-and-resources/